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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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10 Howard Cochran,) No. CV 11-1365-PHX-RCB (JRI)
11 Plaintiff,) **ORDER**
12 vs.)
13 Dr. Rao,)
14 Defendant.)
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16 Plaintiff Howard Cochran, who is confined in Maricopa County's Fourth Avenue Jail
17 in Phoenix, Arizona, filed a *pro se* civil rights Complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983,
18 which the Court dismissed for failure to state a claim with leave to amend. (Doc. 1, 5.)
19 Plaintiff has filed a First Amended Complaint. (Doc. 7.) The Court will dismiss the First
20 Amended Complaint with leave to amend.

21 **I. Statutory Screening of Prisoner Complaints**

22 The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against
23 a governmental entity or an officer or an employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C.
24 § 1915A(a). The Court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if a plaintiff has raised
25 claims that are legally frivolous or malicious, that fail to state a claim upon which relief may
26 be granted, or that seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.
27 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1), (2).

28 A pleading must contain a "short and plain statement of the claim *showing* that the

1 pleader is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2) (emphasis added). While Rule 8 does not
2 demand detailed factual allegations, “it demands more than an unadorned, the-defendant-
3 unlawfully-harmed-me accusation.” Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009).
4 “Threadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported by mere conclusory
5 statements, do not suffice.” Id.

6 “[A] complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to ‘state a
7 claim to relief that is plausible on its face.’” Id. (quoting Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly,
8 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)). A claim is plausible “when the plaintiff pleads factual content
9 that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the
10 misconduct alleged.” Id. “Determining whether a complaint states a plausible claim for
11 relief [is] . . . a context-specific task that requires the reviewing court to draw on its judicial
12 experience and common sense.” Id. at 1950. Thus, although a plaintiff’s specific factual
13 allegations may be consistent with a constitutional claim, a court must assess whether there
14 are other “more likely explanations” for a defendant’s conduct. Id. at 1951.

15 But as the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has instructed, courts
16 must “continue to construe *pro se* filings liberally.” Hebbe v. Pliler, 627 F.3d 338, 342 (9th
17 Cir. 2010). A “complaint [filed by a *pro se* prisoner] ‘must be held to less stringent standards
18 than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers.’” Id. (quoting Erickson v. Pardus, 551 U.S. 89,
19 94 (2007) (*per curiam*)).

20 If the Court determines that a pleading could be cured by the allegation of other facts,
21 a *pro se* litigant is entitled to an opportunity to amend a complaint before dismissal of the
22 action. See Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1127-29 (9th Cir. 2000) (*en banc*). The Court
23 should not, however, advise the litigant how to cure the defects. This type of advice “would
24 undermine district judges’ role as impartial decisionmakers.” Pliler v. Ford, 542 U.S. 225,
25 231 (2004); see also Lopez, 203 F.3d at 1131 n.13 (declining to decide whether the court was
26 required to inform a litigant of deficiencies). The Court will dismiss Plaintiff’s First
27 Amended Complaint for failure to state a claim with leave to amend because it may possibly
28 be amended to state a claim.

1 **II. First Amended Complaint**

2 Plaintiff alleges one count for denial of constitutionally adequate medical care.
3 Plaintiff sues Dr. Sudha Rao, who works for Maricopa County Correctional Health Services
4 (CHS). Plaintiff seeks compensatory relief.

5 In his Complaint, Plaintiff alleges the following facts: in 2008, Plaintiff received a
6 gunshot injury to his right hand. As a result of the injury, two surgeries were performed to
7 insert pins and plates in the hand. Plaintiff asserts that pins are starting to poke through the
8 skin and claims that x-rays taken by CHS show as much. However, Dr. Rao told Plaintiff
9 that what he saw on the x-rays were bullet fragments. Plaintiff asked Dr. Rao to compare
10 current x-rays against x-rays taken in 2008 and executed a release for those records. Dr. Rao
11 granted Plaintiff's request for assignment to a bottom bunk, but denied Plaintiff's request for
12 pain medication or to be seen by an orthopedic hand specialist.

13 A response from an external grievance referee, attached as an exhibit to the First
14 Amended Complaint reflects the following: Plaintiff arrived at the Jail on December 29,
15 2010. (Doc. 7, Response by External Referee.) On January 12, 2011, Plaintiff received a full
16 physical examination. (Id.) At that time, Plaintiff reported recent numbness and achiness
17 in his right hand, which he believed was caused by movement of hardware inserted into the
18 hand two years previously as a result of the gunshot injury. (Id.) Plaintiff's right hand was
19 x-rayed, which revealed healing fractures of the fourth and fifth fingers without evidence of
20 dislocation and bullet fragments in the soft tissue of the hand. (Id.) CHS received some
21 records from Plaintiff's community physician, who initially treated the hand injury in
22 September 2008, but the community physician did not provide copies of Plaintiff's x-rays.
23 (Id.) The records that were received reflected that the surgeon had explained to Plaintiff that
24 his injuries were severe and that there would be some "deficits." (Id.)

25 On March 10, 2011, Dr. Rao evaluated Plaintiff. (Id.) Plaintiff reported to the
26 physician that he felt that the screws were coming loose, pushing out the skin, and causing
27 pain. (Id.) Plaintiff asked to have current x-rays compared to the 2008 x-rays and requested
28 assignment to a bottom bunk. Dr. Rao noted some "bony masses in the soft tissue." (Id.)

1 Dr. Rao examined the x-rays and told Plaintiff that he would continue to watch the hand.
2 (Id.) Dr. Rao also told Plaintiff to return to the clinic if the pain worsened. (Id.) Dr. Rao
3 also wrote an order for Plaintiff to be assigned to a bottom bunk for the duration. (Id.) CHS
4 staff subsequently asked Plaintiff to sign a release of medical information related to his hand
5 injury from the Arizona Department of Corrections. (Id.)

6 **III. Failure to State a Claim**

7 To state a claim under § 1983, a plaintiff must allege facts supporting that (1) the
8 conduct about which he complains was committed by a person acting under the color of state
9 law and (2) the conduct deprived him of a federal constitutional or statutory right. Wood v.
10 Ostrander, 879 F.2d 583, 587 (9th Cir. 1989). In addition, to state a valid constitutional
11 claim, a plaintiff must allege that he suffered a specific injury as a result of the conduct of
12 a particular defendant and he must allege an affirmative link between the injury and the
13 conduct of that defendant. Rizzo v. Goode, 423 U.S. 362, 371-72, 377 (1976).

14 Plaintiff alleges a claim for denial of medical care. To state a claim for denial of
15 constitutionally adequate medical care, a plaintiff must allege facts to support that he has or
16 had a serious medical need and that a particular defendant acted with deliberate indifference
17 to that need. See Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 104-05 (1976); Lolli v. County of Orange,
18 351 F.3d 410, 418-19 (9th Cir. 2003). To allege a serious medical need, a plaintiff must set
19 forth facts to support that the “failure to treat a prisoner’s condition could result in further
20 significant injury or the ‘unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain.’” Jett v. Penner, 439
21 F.3d 1091, 1096 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting McGuckin v. Smith, 974 F.2d 1050, 1059 (9th Cir.
22 1991), overruled on other grounds by WMX Techs, Inc. v. Miller, 104 F.3d 1133 (9th Cir.
23 1997) (*en banc*)). A plaintiff must also allege facts to support that a defendant was
24 deliberately indifferent to a serious medical need. “Deliberate indifference is a high legal
25 standard.” Toguchi v. Chung, 391 F.3d 1051, 1060 (9th Cir. 2004). Deliberate indifference
26 may occur if “prison officials deny, delay or intentionally interfere with medical treatment.”
27 Hutchinson v. United States, 838 F.2d 390, 394 (9th Cir.1988). Mere negligence, however,
28 “in diagnosing or treating a medical condition, without more, does not violate a prisoner’s

1 Eighth Amendment rights.” Lopez, 203 F.3d at 1132 (quoting Hutchinson, 838 F.2d at 394).
2 Further, a delay in receiving medical care, without more, is insufficient to state a claim
3 against a jailor for deliberate indifference unless the plaintiff can show that the delay in
4 treatment harmed him. Shapley v. Nevada Bd. of State Prison Comm’rs, 766 F.2d 404, 407
5 (9th Cir. 1985). A difference in medical opinion also does not amount to deliberate
6 indifference. See Toguchi, 391 F.3d at 1058. Rather, to prevail on a claim involving choices
7 between alternative courses of treatment, a prisoner must show that the chosen course was
8 medically unacceptable under the circumstances and was chosen in conscious disregard of
9 an excessive risk to the prisoner’s health. Id. Similarly, differences in judgment between an
10 inmate and jail medical personnel regarding appropriate medical diagnosis or treatment are
11 not enough to state a deliberate indifference claim. Sanchez v. Vild, 891 F.2d 240, 242 (9th
12 Cir. 1989).

13 In his First Amended Complaint, Plaintiff alleges pain in his right hand. (Doc. 7 at
14 3.) He does not allege the severity of the discomfort. Assuming that the pain in his right
15 hand rises to the level of a serious medical need, Plaintiff fails to allege facts to support that
16 Dr. Rao acted with deliberate indifference to that serious medical need. Plaintiff fails to
17 allege facts to support that Dr. Rao’s treatment was medically unacceptable or chosen in
18 conscious disregard of an excessive risk to Plaintiff’s health. Rather, Plaintiff at most merely
19 disagrees with the diagnosis and treatment for his hand. Absent more, that is not sufficient
20 to state a claim for deliberate indifference to a serious medical need.

21 **IV. Leave to Amend**

22 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint will be dismissed for
23 failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. Within 30 days, Plaintiff may
24 submit a second amended complaint to cure the deficiencies outlined above. The Clerk of
25 Court will mail Plaintiff a court-approved form to use for filing a second amended complaint.
26 If Plaintiff fails to use the court-approved form, the Court may strike the amended complaint
27 and dismiss this action without further notice to Plaintiff.

28 Plaintiff must clearly designate on the face of the document that it is the “Second

1 Amended Complaint.” The second amended complaint must be retyped or rewritten in its
2 entirety on the court-approved form and may not incorporate any part of any prior complaint
3 by reference. Plaintiff may include only one claim per count.

4 A second amended complaint supersedes every prior complaint. Ferdik v. Bonzelet,
5 963 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992); Hal Roach Studios v. Richard Feiner & Co., 896 F.2d
6 1542, 1546 (9th Cir. 1990). After amendment, the Court will treat any prior complaint as
7 nonexistent. Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1262. Any cause of action that was raised in a prior
8 complaint is waived if it is not raised in a second amended complaint. King v. Atiyeh, 814
9 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987).

10 **V. Warnings**

11 **A. Release**

12 Plaintiff must pay the unpaid balance of the filing fee within 120 days of his release.
13 Also, within 30 days of his release, he must either (1) notify the Court that he intends to pay
14 the balance or (2) show good cause, in writing, why he cannot. Failure to comply may result
15 in dismissal of this action.

16 **B. Address Changes**

17 Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule
18 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff must not include a motion for other
19 relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in dismissal of this
20 action.

21 **C. Copies**

22 Plaintiff must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. See
23 LRCiv 5.4. Failure to comply may result in the filing being stricken without further notice
24 to Plaintiff.

25 **D. Possible “Strike”**

26 Because the First Amended Complaint has been dismissed for failure to state a claim,
27 if Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint correcting the deficiencies identified in this
28 Order, the dismissal may count as a “strike” under the “3-strikes” provision of 28 U.S.C.

1 § 1915(g). Under the 3-strikes provision, a prisoner may not bring a civil action or appeal
2 a civil judgment *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 “if the prisoner has, on 3 or more
3 prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal
4 in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous,
5 malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is
6 under imminent danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

7 **E. Possible Dismissal**

8 If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these
9 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. See Ferdik, 963 F.2d at
10 1260-61 (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of the
11 Court).


12 **IT IS ORDERED:**

13 (1) The First Amended Complaint is **dismissed** for failure to state a claim. (Doc.
14 7.) Plaintiff has **30 days** from the date this Order is filed to file a second amended complaint
15 in compliance with this Order.

16 (2) If Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint within 30 days, the Clerk of
17 Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of this action with prejudice
18 that states that the dismissal may count as a “strike” under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

19 (3) The Clerk of Court must mail Plaintiff a court-approved form for filing a civil
20 rights complaint by a prisoner.

21 Dated this 1st day of September, 2011.

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26 Robert C. Broomfield
27 Senior United States District Judge

28 copies to all counsel of record and plaintiff *pro se*

**Instructions for a Prisoner Filing a Civil Rights Complaint
in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona**

1. Who May Use This Form. The civil rights complaint form is designed to help incarcerated persons prepare a complaint seeking relief for a violation of their federal civil rights. These complaints typically concern, but are not limited to, conditions of confinement. **This form should not be used to challenge your conviction or sentence.** If you want to challenge a state conviction or sentence, you should file a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in state custody. If you want to challenge a federal conviction or sentence, you should file a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to vacate sentence in the federal court that entered the judgment.
2. The Form. **Local Rule of Civil Procedure (LRCiv) 3.4(a) provides that complaints by incarcerated persons must be filed on the court-approved form.** The form must be typed or neatly handwritten. The form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. All questions must be answered clearly and concisely in the appropriate space on the form. If needed, you may attach additional pages, **but no more than fifteen additional pages**, of standard letter-sized paper. You must identify which part of the complaint is being continued and number all pages. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or corrected information, which may delay the processing of your action. You do not need to cite law.
3. Your Signature. You must tell the truth and sign the form. If you make a false statement of a material fact, you may be prosecuted for perjury.
4. The Filing Fee. The filing fee for this action is \$350.00. If you are unable to immediately pay the filing fee, you may request leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Please review the “Information for Prisoners Seeking Leave to Proceed with a (Non-Habeas) Civil Action in Federal Court *In Forma Pauperis* Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915” for additional instructions.
5. Original and Judge’s Copy. You must send an **original plus one copy** of your complaint and of any other documents submitted to the Court. You must send one additional copy to the Court if you wish to have a file-stamped copy of the document returned to you. All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly handwritten.
6. Where to File. You should file your complaint in the division **where you were confined when your rights were allegedly violated.** See LRCiv 5.1(a) and 77.1(a). If you were confined in Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma, La Paz, or Gila County, file in the Phoenix Division. If you were confined in Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Mohave, or Yavapai County, file in the Prescott Division. If you were confined in Pima, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham, or Greenlee County, file in the Tucson Division. **Mail the original and one copy of the complaint with the \$350 filing fee or the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* to:**

Phoenix & Prescott Divisions:
U.S. District Court Clerk
U.S. Courthouse, Suite 130
401 West Washington Street, SPC 10
Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2119

OR

Tucson Division:
U.S. District Court Clerk
U.S. Courthouse, Suite 1500
405 West Congress Street
Tucson, Arizona 85701-5010

7. Change of Address. You must immediately notify the Court and the defendants in writing of any change in your mailing address. **Failure to notify the Court of any change in your mailing address may result in the dismissal of your case.**

8. Certificate of Service. You must furnish the defendants with a copy of any document you submit to the Court (except the initial complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*). Each original document (except the initial complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*) must include a certificate of service on the last page of the document stating the date a copy of the document was mailed to the defendants and the address to which it was mailed. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a), (d). Any document received by the Court that does not include a certificate of service may be stricken. A certificate of service should be in the following form:

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed
this _____ (month, day, year) to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Attorney for Defendant(s)

(Signature)

9. Amended Complaint. If you need to change any of the information in the initial complaint, you must file an amended complaint. The amended complaint must be written on the court-approved civil rights complaint form. You may file one amended complaint without leave (permission) of Court before any defendant has answered your original complaint. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). After any defendant has filed an answer, you must file a motion for leave to amend and lodge (submit) a proposed amended complaint. LRCiv 15.1. In addition, an amended complaint may not incorporate by reference any part of your prior complaint. LRCiv 15.1(a)(2). **Any allegations or defendants not included in the amended complaint are considered dismissed.** All amended complaints are subject to screening under the Prison Litigation Reform Act; screening your amendment will take additional processing time.

10. Exhibits. You should not submit exhibits with the complaint or amended complaint. Instead, the relevant information should be paraphrased. You should keep the exhibits to use to support or oppose a motion to dismiss, a motion for summary judgment, or at trial.

11. Letters and Motions. It is generally inappropriate to write a letter to any judge or the staff of any judge. The only appropriate way to communicate with the Court is by filing a written pleading or motion.

12. Completing the Civil Rights Complaint Form.

HEADING:

1. Your Name. Print your name, prison or inmate number, and institutional mailing address on the lines provided.
2. Defendants. If there are **four or fewer** defendants, print the name of each. If you name **more than four** defendants, print the name of the first defendant on the first line, write the words “and others” on the second line, and attach an additional page listing the names of **all** of the defendants. Insert the additional page after page 1 and number it “1-A” at the bottom.
3. Jury Demand. If you want a jury trial, you must write “JURY TRIAL DEMANDED” in the space below “CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT BY A PRISONER.” Failure to do so may result in the loss of the right to a jury trial. A jury trial is not available if you are seeking only injunctive relief.

Part A. JURISDICTION:

1. Nature of Suit. Mark whether you are filing the complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for state, county, or city defendants; “Bivens v. Six Unknown Federal Narcotics Agents” for federal defendants; or “other.” If you mark “other,” identify the source of that authority.
2. Location. Identify the institution and city where the alleged violation of your rights occurred.
3. Defendants. Print all of the requested information about each of the defendants in the spaces provided. If you are naming more than four defendants, you must provide the necessary information about each additional defendant on separate pages labeled “2-A,” “2-B,” etc., at the bottom. Insert the additional page(s) immediately behind page 2.

Part B. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS:

You must identify any other lawsuit you have filed in either state or federal court while you were a prisoner. Print all of the requested information about each lawsuit in the spaces provided. If you have filed more than three lawsuits, you must provide the necessary information about each additional lawsuit on a separate page. Label the page(s) as “2-A,” “2-B,” etc., at the bottom of the page and insert the additional page(s) immediately behind page 2.

Part C. CAUSE OF ACTION:

You must identify what rights each defendant violated. The form provides space to allege three separate counts (**one violation per count**). If you are alleging more than three counts, you must provide the necessary information about each additional count on a separate page. Number the additional pages “5-A,” “5-B,” etc., and insert them immediately behind page 5. Remember that you are limited to a total of fifteen additional pages.

1. Counts. You must identify which civil right was violated. **You may allege the violation of only one civil right per count.**

2. Issue Involved. Check the box that most closely identifies the issue involved in your claim. **You may check only one box per count.** If you check the box marked “Other,” you must identify the specific issue involved.

3. Supporting Facts. After you have identified which civil right was violated, you must state the supporting facts. Be as specific as possible. You must state what each individual defendant did to violate your rights. If there is more than one defendant, you must identify which defendant did what act. You also should state the date(s) on which the act(s) occurred, if possible.

4. Injury. State precisely how you were injured by the alleged violation of your rights.

5. Administrative Remedies. You must exhaust any available administrative remedies before you file a civil rights complaint. See 42 U.S.C. § 1997e. Consequently, you should disclose whether you have exhausted the inmate grievance procedures or administrative appeals for each count in your complaint. If the grievance procedures were not available for any of your counts, fully explain why on the lines provided.

Part D. REQUEST FOR RELIEF:

Print the relief you are seeking in the space provided.

SIGNATURE:

You must sign your name and print the date you signed the complaint. Failure to sign the complaint will delay the processing of your action. Unless you are an attorney, you may not bring an action on behalf of anyone but yourself.

FINAL NOTE

You should follow these instructions carefully. Failure to do so may result in your complaint being stricken or dismissed. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form. If you need more space, you may attach no more than fifteen additional pages. But the form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. If you attach additional pages, be sure to identify which section of the complaint is being continued and number the pages.

Name and Prisoner/Booking Number

Place of Confinement

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

(Failure to notify the Court of your change of address may result in dismissal of this action.)

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

_____ (Full Name of Plaintiff))	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	CASE NO. _____
)	(To be supplied by the Clerk)
(1) _____ (Full Name of Defendant))	
(2) _____)	
(3) _____)	
(4) _____)	
Defendant(s).)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if there are additional Defendants and attach page 1-A listing them.)	

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT
BY A PRISONER**

☐ Original Complaint
☐ First Amended Complaint
☐ Second Amended Complaint

A. JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to:
- ☐ 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a); 42 U.S.C. § 1983
 - ☐ 28 U.S.C. § 1331; Bivens v. Six Unknown Federal Narcotics Agents, 403 U.S. 388 (1971).
 - ☐ Other: _____
2. Institution/city where violation occurred: _____

B. DEFENDANTS

1. Name of first Defendant: _____. The first Defendant is employed as:
_____ at _____.
(Position and Title) (Institution)
2. Name of second Defendant: _____. The second Defendant is employed as:
_____ at _____.
(Position and Title) (Institution)
3. Name of third Defendant: _____. The third Defendant is employed as:
_____ at _____.
(Position and Title) (Institution)
4. Name of fourth Defendant: _____. The fourth Defendant is employed as:
_____ at _____.
(Position and Title) (Institution)

If you name more than four Defendants, answer the questions listed above for each additional Defendant on a separate page.

C. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS

1. Have you filed any other lawsuits while you were a prisoner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. If yes, how many lawsuits have you filed? _____. Describe the previous lawsuits:
 - a. First prior lawsuit:
 1. Parties: _____ v. _____
 2. Court and case number: _____
 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) _____
 - b. Second prior lawsuit:
 1. Parties: _____ v. _____
 2. Court and case number: _____
 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) _____
 - c. Third prior lawsuit:
 1. Parties: _____ v. _____
 2. Court and case number: _____
 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) _____

If you filed more than three lawsuits, answer the questions listed above for each additional lawsuit on a separate page.

D. CAUSE OF ACTION

COUNT I

1. State the constitutional or other federal civil right that was violated: _____

2. **Count I.** Identify the issue involved. Check **only one**. State additional issues in separate counts.
- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic necessities | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to the court | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary proceedings | <input type="checkbox"/> Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise of religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Retaliation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive force by an officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Threat to safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count I. Describe exactly what **each Defendant** did or did not do that violated your rights. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or arguments.

4. **Injury.** State how you were injured by the actions or inactions of the Defendant(s).

- ## 5. Administrative Remedies:

- a. Are there any administrative remedies (grievance procedures or administrative appeals) available at your institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. Did you submit a request for administrative relief on Count I? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count I to the highest level? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. If you did not submit or appeal a request for administrative relief at any level, briefly explain why you did not. _____

COUNT II

1. State the constitutional or other federal civil right that was violated: _____

2. **Count II.** Identify the issue involved. Check **only one**. State additional issues in separate counts.

□ Basic necessities

□ Mail

☐ Access to the court

☐ Medical care

☐ Disciplinary proceedings

□ Property

☐ Exercise of religion

□ Retaliation

☐ Excessive force by an officer

- Threat to safety

☐ Other:

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count II. Describe exactly what **each Defendant** did or did not do that violated your rights. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or arguments.

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4. **Injury.** State how you were injured by the actions or inactions of the Defendant(s).

- ## 5. Administrative Remedies.

- a. Are there any administrative remedies (grievance procedures or administrative appeals) available at your institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- b. Did you submit a request for administrative relief on Count II? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count II to the highest level? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- d. If you did not submit or appeal a request for administrative relief at any level, briefly explain why you did not. _____

COUNT III

1. State the constitutional or other federal civil right that was violated: _____

2. **Count III.** Identify the issue involved. Check **only one**. State additional issues in separate counts.

□ Basic necessities

□ Mail

☐ Access to the court

☐ Medical care

☐ Disciplinary proceedings

□ Property

☐ Exercise of religion

□ Retaliation

☐ Excessive force by an officer

- Threat to safety

☐ Other:

☐ Other: _____.

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count III. Describe exactly what **each Defendant** did or did not do that violated your rights. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or arguments.

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4. **Injury.** State how you were injured by the actions or inactions of the Defendant(s).

- ## 5. Administrative Remedies.

- a. Are there any administrative remedies (grievance procedures or administrative appeals) available at your institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes☐ No

- b. Did you submit a request for administrative relief on Count III?

☐ Yes☐ No

- c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count III to the highest level?

☐ Yes☐ No

- d. If you did not submit or appeal a request for administrative relief at any level, briefly explain why you did not. _____

If you assert more than three Counts, answer the questions listed above for each additional Count on a separate page.

E. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

State the relief you are seeking:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____
DATE

SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF

(Name and title of paralegal, legal assistant, or
other person who helped prepare this complaint)

(Signature of attorney, if any)

(Attorney's address & telephone number)

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